

LINCOLN CITY/LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNING STAFF REPORT

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for September 28, 2005 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

PROJECT: Comprehensive Plan Conformity #05011
Amend Fiscal Year 2005/06 City of Lincoln Capital Budget to include
Lincoln Police Department Canine Training Facility relocation and
associated capital improvements.

PROPOSAL: The Lincoln Police Department has requested a review of the relocation of the Canine Training Facility project for conformance with the Comprehensive Plan for the purpose of amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2005/06 Capital Budget.

CONCLUSION: The Comprehensive Plan supports the finding that the Lincoln Police Department's (LPD) Canine Training Facility project is in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: In conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

LOCATION: The proposed LPD Canine Training Facility site is located within the Airpark West Industrial Park in the vicinity of NW 38th and West Webster (See attached maps).

PURPOSE: The Planning Commission is required to review the proposed project for conformity with the Comprehensive Plan. This project involves the expenditure of public funds for activities that are determined to be capital improvements (i.e., at least a 15 year life expectancy) and a conformity review is required prior to City Council approval.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SPECIFICATIONS:

The Comprehensive Plan identifies the land use designation at the relocated Canine Training Facility site as Public, while the existing location is designated Green Space.

“During the time period covered by this Plan, there will likely be a need to construct, renovate, or abandon certain public buildings and facilities not already discussed in this document. At such time as these events may occur, care should be taken by those public officials making these decisions that the Vision of this Plan is recognized and respected. This may include the siting of a new facility, the abandonment of an existing one, the way renovations are undertaken, the manner of financing used to complete the work, the

arrangements made for the facility's operation, the process followed in making decisions, and the timing of the action." (page F 132)

ANALYSIS:

1. The purpose of the project is to relocate the existing LPD Canine Training Facility from its Bowling Lake site to adjacent the LPD Shooting Range Facility. The project would consolidate the two LPD facilities in a more appropriate single location in the vicinity of NW 38th & W. Webster Street. The Canine Training Facility is not adequate to meet the needs of the LPD at its present location, and prior to improving the facility, it was determined that relocation to another LPD site would better serve the operations and functions of LPD training programs, and improve recreation opportunities for Bowling Lake.
2. Both sites for the LPD facilities are leased from the Lincoln Airport Authority. The improvements associated with the relocation project fall into the category of capital improvements, therefore a finding of conformity must be determined before the project can be approved by City Council and funds expended.
3. A bid process to determine the cost of site improvements has not yet been completed, however it is estimated that the site improvements should be in the range of \$50,000 to \$75,000. In general, the improvements include site preparation to accommodate a portable office/classroom, canine kennels, sidewalks, utility connections and parking. A list of the detailed improvements required are attached in the memo dated September 9, 2005.
4. The existing LPD Canine Training Facility is located in the southeast area of Bowling Lake recreation park. Bowling Lake is managed by the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department, and other entities for recreation and fishing. The lake is currently undergoing extensive rehabilitation and improvement to improve recreation amenities, especially fish and aquatic habitat. The relocation of the Canine Training Facility would further enhance recreation uses of Bowling Lake for the public and may provide additional off-street parking spaces, as the existing Canine Facility parking lot could be used for other purposes.
5. On page F 111 in the Comprehensive Plan, a proposed study is identified that would evaluate north/south and east/west transportation issues in the area where the LPD Shooting and Canine Training facilities are located. There is no timeline identified to undertake this study. The impact of expanding the LPD facilities at NW 38th and W. Webster Street on future transportation plans are not known at this time, and will need to be evaluated as part of the study. Due to the relatively small cost of planned expenditures for the Canine Facility relocation, the type of improvement involved (i.e., portable classrooms), and the unknown timeline for the future road

improvements, the project should not create a concern to long range transportation planning.

6. The Lincoln Police Department has requested funds be appropriated in the City's approved FY 2005/06 Capital Budget. According to the City Charter, the City Council shall not appropriate any money in any budget for any capital improvement project unless and until the conformity or non-conformity of that project has been reported on by the Planning Department by a special report or in connection with the capital improvement programming process. This report provides this review and finding of Plan conformity.
7. A finding of conformity with the Comprehensive Plan allows the Lincoln Police Department to seek City Council approval and implement the project.

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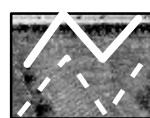


Comp. Plan Conformance #05011 NW 38th & W Weber Rd.

Zoning:

R-1 to R-8	Residential District
AG	Agricultural District
AGR	Agricultural Residential District
R-C	Residential Conservation District
O-1	Office District
O-2	Suburban Office District
O-3	Office Park District
R-T	Residential Transition District
B-1	Local Business District
B-2	Planned Neighborhood Business District
B-3	Commercial District
B-4	Lincoln Center Business District
B-5	Planned Regional Business District
H-1	Interstate Commercial District
H-2	Highway Business District
H-3	Highway Commercial District
H-4	General Commercial District
I-1	Industrial District
I-2	Industrial Park District
I-3	Employment Center District
P	Public Use District

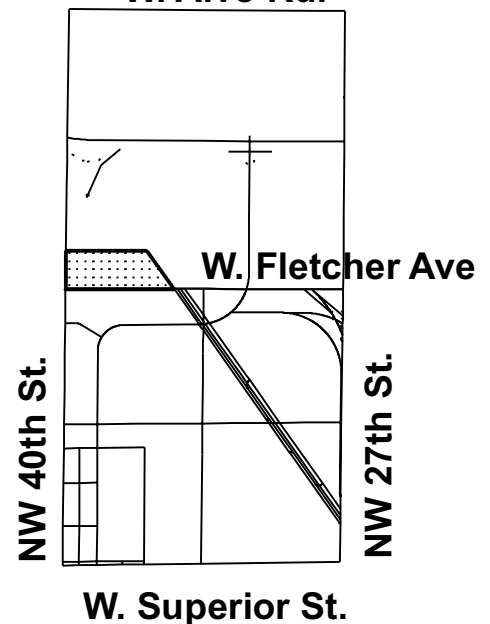
Two Square Mile
Sec. 5 T10N R6E
Sec. 32 T11N R-6E



Zoning Jurisdiction Lines

City Limit Jurisdiction

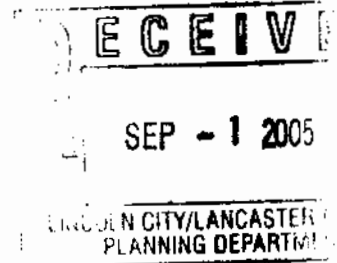
W. Alvo Rd. 2005 aerial



**Administrative
Officer**

Memo

To: Marvin Krout
From: Richard A. Mackey
CC: File
Date: August 30, 2005
Re: Compliance of City Project



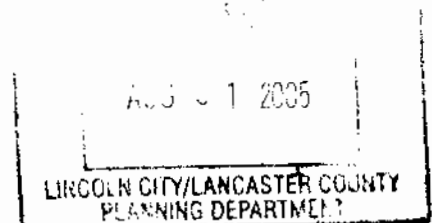
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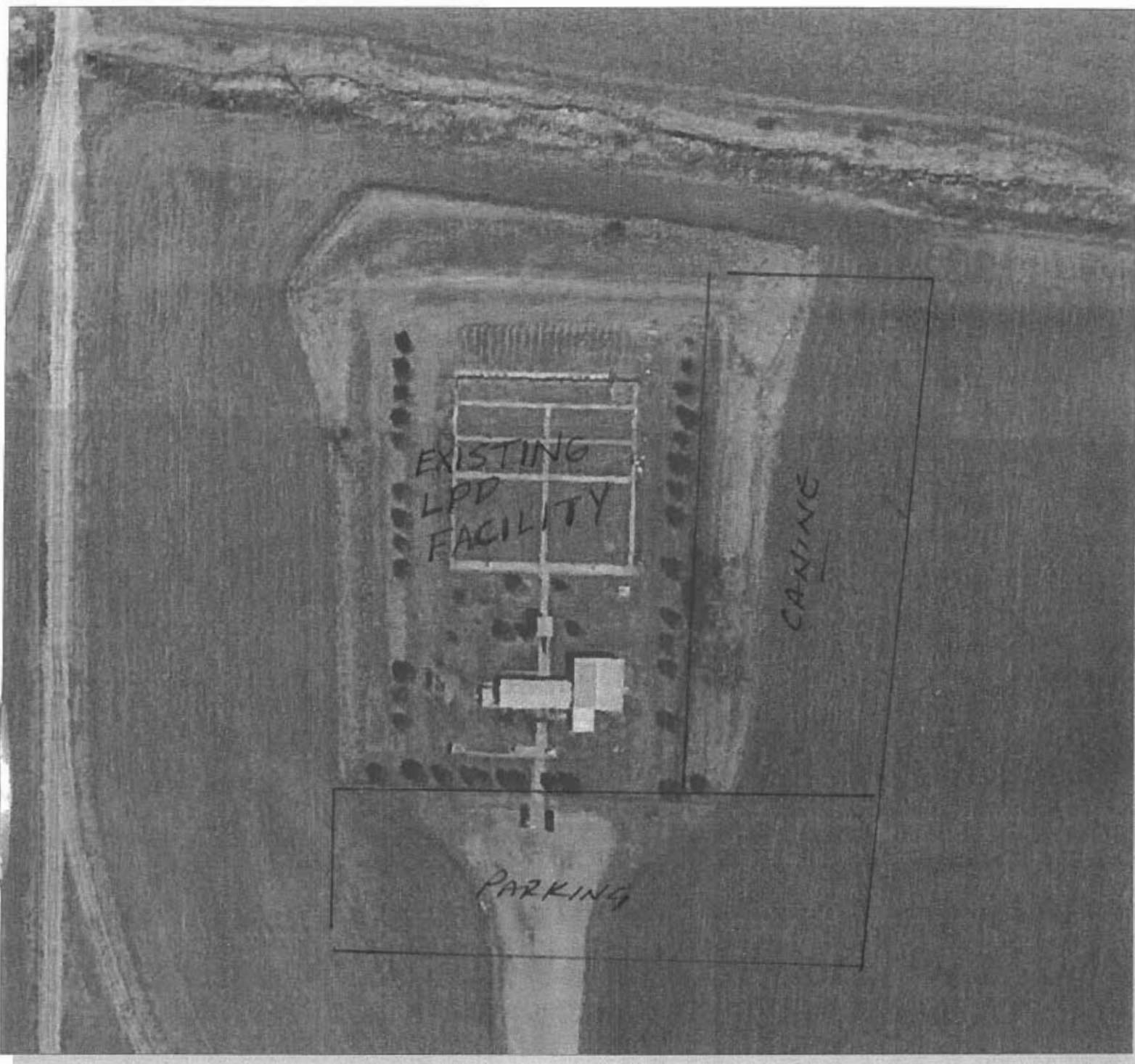
Greetings ... The Lincoln Police Department is seeking to move an existing portable classroom/office structure owned by the Lincoln Airport Authority from their property at/near nw 46th and w Stanton to our shooting range property at/near nw 38th and w Weber. Historically, the Lincoln Police Department has had a Canine training facility adjacent to Bowling Lake on nw 44th in the Airpark. It is desirable to the Lincoln Police Department, City Parks and Recreation, and the Airport Authority to have us consolidate our training facilities ... for canine and shooting ... to the nw 38th property. When the lease/user agreement between the City of Lincoln/Lincoln Police Department and the Lincoln Airport Authority was renewed this past Spring ... it was agreed that we would vacate the previous canine training facility near Bowling Lake and consolidate at the nw 38th shooting range property. Likewise, the Airport Authority has agreed to transfer ownership of the portable classroom/office structure on nw 46th to the City of Lincoln/Lincoln Police Department if we pay the costs to move it to our leased property on nw 38th, with no further acquisition costs.

Therefore, Steve Hubka – Budget Officer suggested we have the project reviewed by the County/City Planning Department for compliance with the Comprehensive Plan and then move it to the City Council for approval as a City/Police Project and petition an ordinance change/approval with the City Council for transfer of funds from a current Police CIP transfer object code in our budget 0401 – 9237 to this canine project.

Would you assist us with the review of this project for compliance with the C/C Comprehensive Plan?

I have attached some support documents for your review ... please do not hesitate to contact me for further information requests on this project.





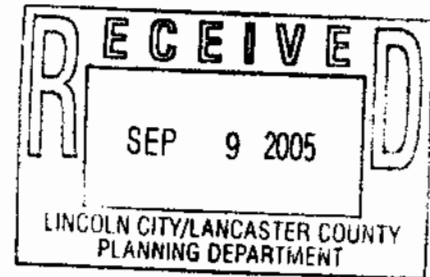
Lincoln Police Range

Proposed "new" LPD K-9 facility

- Paved or rocked parking lot
- Portable classroom
- Hogan's alley
- Obstacle course

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Administrative Officer



Memo

To: Duncan Ross, County/City Planning
From: Richard A. Mackey
CC: File
Date: September 9, 2005
Re: K9 Training Facility Project

Airpark Training Facility Improvements Project

The City of Lincoln/Lincoln Police Department is planning a consolidation project at our current pistol training facility on NW 38th Street in the Airpark. We are seeking services to prepare and construct a site for a portable office/classroom to be moved and set at the above location and used primarily by our Canine unit. The Canine's Unit currently trains at an inadequate facility adjacent to Bowling Lake on NW 44th Street which no longer serves the needs of the Canine Unit, and is a desirable for recreational use due to it's proximity to Bowling Lake. Economy's-of-Scale by consolidating our training needs at/near a single location serve the City and the department both from an economic standpoint, but also a future growth perspective.

We are seeking:

- Site prep/dirt work to prepare a slab/foundation for the portable office/classroom. The existing site is mostly flat pasture.
- Site prep/dirt work to provide level parking area adjacent to the above classroom.
- Construct slab/foundation for the setting of the above portable office/classroom.
- Construct slab for a series of fourteen (14) – 6' x 8' kennels.
- Construct approx. 200' of sidewalks.
- Site prep for utilities from the existing infrastructure at the adjacent pistol/training site to this new site.
- Trenching and connectivity of utilities to structures (office/classroom and kennels)
- Trenching and connectivity of utilities to lighting/poles along west perimeter
- Move the portable office/classroom from existing site nw46th to nw38th facility